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## TWO INDICTED ON CHARGES OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS ON FHA LOAN APPLICATIONS

Kansas City, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **Erika Noriega**, 30, Kansas City, Mo., and **Fernando Noriega**, 29, Kansas City, Mo., have been charged with two counts each of making false statements in November 2000 in order to receive an FHA loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

According to an indictment unsealed Jan. 11, 2005, both of them gave false Social Security numbers and falsely stated in applications for a loan to buy a house in Kansas City, Mo., that they were permanent resident aliens.

If convicted, they face up to two years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count. The case was investigated by Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, the United States Postal Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Social Security Administration.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.

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